

HOUSE RESOLUTION 220

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. William Russell Smith on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, giving unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource — our children; and

WHEREAS, Russell Smith is one such estimable person who has served with probity as an employee of the Tennessee Department of Education in the Vocational/Technical Education Division; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lincoln County, Mr. Smith graduated from Boonshill High School and then obtained his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his master's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Russell Smith has served the students and teachers of Tennessee for the past 29 years with enthusiasm, industry, and singular acumen; and

WHEREAS, Russell Smith answered his patriotic call to duty by rendering admirable service in the U.S. Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is an active and important part of his community and his profession; he participates in numerous civic organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, which he serves as a scout director; and

WHEREAS, Russell Smith also utilizes his time and numerous talents as he enjoys his beloved hobbies of woodcarving, golfing, hiking, and other outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Russell Smith is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife of 43 years, Joyce, and their three children, Greg, Jeff, and LeAnne; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Mr. Smith is an active and devout member of Mt. Carmel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he has served as an elder, a Sunday School teacher, and the Sunday School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Russell Smith has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and supervisors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. William Russell Smith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.